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Howe Genealogy

From records that I have been able to find in Claremont, N. H., Newport, N. H., Henniker, N. H., Concord, N. H., Marlboro, Mass., Sudbury, Mass., and numerous other places, besides information kindly given me by many friends and relatives, I have been able to compile this Genealogy of the Howe Family.

There is no doubt after these three hundred years that the family Hoo or Hoe (meaning hill), and later Howe, has become very large and it would be impossible to give details as to every child on every branch of this parental tree, so that I am confining this work from the time of John Howe of Sudbury, Mass., in 1639, whom we call of the first generation, down through years to John Howe of Claremont, N. H., in 1921, whom we consider of the ninth. Perhaps, to make myself better understood, I have recorded, as far as possible, those facts and incidents that might interest my particular ancestors relative to John Howe, my father, his father, etc. You will find, however, some items of information, interest, history and some anecdotes of some extended branch, cousins, uncles or aunts which drew my attention and of which I made note and I hope that it also may be interesting to you. As these notes just mentioned are all arranged in chronological order I am sure that there will be no confusion in this regard.

From the fact that the first known Howe, John Howe, on this side of the Atlantic, was called "Goodman" Howe and was known as "judge and counselor" for the Indians of the early days, I felt it no more than proper to inform future generations, not only facts and statistics relative to him and his, but of facts of another "goodman" Howe of the twentieth century. Knowing the latter John I can assure you that he upheld any and all traditions of his forefather being and living a goodman, adviser and friend to all. For this reason I am giving full particulars of his life in hopes that the coming generations of

this large family may read his wonderful record and profit by it. Therefore this Genealogy besides giving some vital facts is primarily written for my father, an "In Memoriam" dedicated to him. For those who never had the opportunity of his friendship or shared his companionship this fact I regret. A mere youngster left at the age of eight, who struggled for years for an existence, but through good judgment and laborious efforts secured a start and after a period of forty years left a valuable estate, including his block on Pleasant Street in Claremont, N. H., as his monument.

In England the Howe Family had lived for centuries. The Howe banner hangs high in Henry the VII's (1457-1509) chapel as another evidence of honorable service. The battle of June 1st, 1794 will be remembered as long as the navals of England last. In the old French Wars for the possession of this continent, one Howe fell at Ticonderoga, 1758, and another fell on the Nova Scotia frontier. In the War of the Revolution the Howe family was not fortunate. Joseph Howe's son William led the British up Bunker Hill, 1775, with bullets flying like hail around him.

Probably the Howe(s) arrived between 1630-1657. In 1629 Charles the 1st dissolved his Parliament and no other session was called until 1640. During the 11 years the most of us have read English history enough to know what was taking place. Religious persecution was taking strides and it was at this time that the Great Migration took place, dating from 1629-1640. This was the period in which Charles the 1st carried out his threat to "harry the Puritans out of the land." Hon. Joseph Howe, Secretary of State in Canada in 1871, made the statement that he was proud of John Howe who was Chaplain to Oliver Cromwell and he allows that he was an eloquent preacher, fine scholar and learned theologian.

It is enough for us to know that these ancestors of ours were God-fearing, worthy men coming from the middle class of English civil and rural life who left their native country not because they wanted to but because they could not remain without mean compliance and tame submission to usurped authority.

In American History

Savage in his Genealogical History tells us that prior to 1834 seven of the family had graduated from Harvard and 23 from other New England colleges.

I believe that special mention should be made of the memorable gathering of the Howe Family at Harmony Grove at South Framingham on August 31, 1871. According to the detailed report given by Charles Howe who resided at 103 Court Street in Boston, this must have been an unusual and inspiring meeting. Even at that time hundreds of the Family were present but had not at that time moved from New England as they have since the nineteenth century.

The first Howe we read about in American history is John Howe of Sudbury, Mass., who was the son of John Howe, who was said to have come from Warwickshire, England, who was the son of John Howe of Hodinhull, England, connected with the family of Charles Howe of Lancaster, England, during the reign of Charles the 1st.

(1) John Howe of Sudbury, Mass., had arrived as early as 1639 and was admitted freeman in 1640; was one of the petitioners for the grant of land which constituted the town of Marlborough, Mass., and was the first known settler within its limits at about 1657. His cabin referred to was built near the Aaron Stevens Homestead a little east of the Indian Planting Field, and this site was occupied by his descendants for many years. He was selectman in Sudbury in 1655 and was known to be "counselor and chief adviser" to the Indians and they called him, "Goodman Howe." He died in Marlborough July 10, 1687, leaving property inventoried at 511 pounds. His wife Mary died about the same time. To them were born—

(2) John (record follows):

Samuel, b. Oct. 20, 1642; married 1st Martha Bent June 5, 1663, and 2nd Sarah Clapp Sept. 18, 1685. He died Apr. 13, 1713. He was the proprietor of the farm at Sudbury on which the "Red Horse Tavern" stood. He granted his son David 130 acres in 1702 and Samuel built the Tavern in 1668. David was the proprietor, was Justice of the Peace and was known by the people of S. as the "Squire." He operated the Tavern for 60 years. His son Ezekiel, born in 1719, was brother to Jerusha, who was known as the "Village Queen of Sudbury." He was a Colonel of Revolutionary fame and fought at the battle of Concord and Lexington. He put up the sign by the Red Horse Tavern on which was inscribed—

And half effaced by rain and storm,

The Red Horse prances on the sign.

He was proprietor of the Tavern for 50 years and died in 1796.

His son **Adam** then kept the Tavern for 40 years after which the historical Tavern passed into the hands of his son **Lyman** who operated the same for 25 years and then the Tavern passed from the hands of the Howe family. Adam died March 26, 1861. The Red Horse Tavern was called the "Wayside Inn" by the poet Longfellow who made several visits to it and who no doubt, helped to make the Inn famous. This Inn was on the main road from Boston west through Marlborough and was not only a meeting place but was many times frequented by the Indians as well as by Washington, Lafayette and others.

Sarah, b. Sept. 25, 1644; md. June 6, 1667 Samuel Ward of Fitzwilliam, N. H. He d. in 1729 and she Aug. 11, 1707.

Mary, b. June 18, 1646, d. young.

Isaac, b. Aug. 8, 1648; md. June 17, 1671, 1st Frances Woods. She d. May 14, 1718; md 2nd Susannah Silby on Dec. 2, 1718. He d. Dec. 9, 1724.

Josiah, b. 1650, soldier in King Philip's War. Md. Mch. 18, 1672 Mary Haynes of Sudbury, he d. in 1711.

Mary, b. June 18, 1654; md Sept. 18, 1672 John Wetherby.

Thomas, b. June 12, 1656. Was Colonel in Militia, kept public house in S. in 1696; md. June 8, 1681 Sarah Hosmer, 2nd. Mary Baron Dec. 24, 1724. Sarah d. Apr. 7, 1724. He d. Feb. 16, 1733.

Daniel, b. June 3, 1658, d. 1661.

Alexander, b. Dec. 29, 1661, d. following January.

Eleazer, b. Jan. 18, 1662. Was Capt. in the Army. Md. Hannah Howe who was b. Nov. 9, 1663, daughter of Abraham Howe of Roxbury, Mass. She d. June 24, 1735. He d. Mch. 17, 1737.

(2) John Howe the first son of (1) John Howe of Sudbury was born in Sudbury, Mass., in 1640. Md. Jan. 22, 1662 to Elizabeth after which they moved to Marlborough, Mass. Records of their three children are made in M. though it is presumed that others were born before they left S. He was killed by the Aborigines on April 18th, during the war with King Philip, and not only were his entire buildings burned but the whole town of M. was nearly wiped out during this same year 1676. A mile South of the Congo. church in the central part of S. stands the monument of Capt. Wardsworth where no doubt John Howe was buried with others. The inscription reads: "Capt. Samuel Wadsworth of Milton, his Lieut. Sharp of Brooklin, Capt. Broclebank of Rowley with about 26 other

souldiers fighting for the defence of their country, were slain by ye Indian enemy April 18th. 1676, lye buried in this place."

Sarah, b. probably in Sudbury; md. Peter Joslin, son of Nathaniel and Sarah King, Nathaniel b. 1627. She was killed by the Indians as well as her four children in 1676. All died the most horrible deaths.

(3) John (record follows):

Elizabeth, b. July 16, 1675. She was captured by the Indians when but 17 years old on a visit to her sister, Sarah in Lancaster, Mass., at which time her sister was killed. But E. because of her "pleasing voice" which charmed the Red men was not tortured and after three or four years was given her ransome paid by the Government. At the age of 21 she md. June 23, 1699, Deacon Thomas Keyes who was b. in 1742. She d. Aug. 18, 1764 but never did she forget her experience with the Indians. They lived in Shrewsbury.

(3) John Howe, son of John Howe (2) was born Sept. 9, 1671, in Marlborough and spent most of his life there. He died at the age of 82 and his will made in 1752 and inventoried in 1754 footed 535 pounds which was considered great property in those days. His eleven children were all mentioned in his will. His 1st wife Rebecca died Sept. 22, 1731. His 2nd, Ruth Eager, was born Dec. 20, 1664, m. June 18, 1740, and died Oct. 14, 1781. All children mentioned were by the first wife Rebecca

(4) Peter (record follows):

John, b. July 16, 1697, md. Feb. 11, 1724 to Thankful Bigelow who was b. Oct. 18, 1765. He d. Apr. 25, 1734.

Sarah, b. July 12, 1699; md. Pelatiah Rice.

Ebenezer, b. May 1, 1701; d. in the army.

Rebecca, b. Mch. 19, 1703; md. 1728 John Bigelow, settled in Holden, Mass.

Mary, b. July 24, 1705, d. June 19, 1724.

Hannah, b. Nov. 20, 1706; md. Jacob Rice, d. Mch. 1781.

Seth, b. Apr. 13, 1708; md. Mary Morse, d. Apr. 27, 1789.

Elizabeth, b. Sept. 13, 1710; md. July 31, 1732 to Matthias Howe who was b. Oct. 20, 1706, who was son of John, son of Isaac, son of John (1).

Eunice, b. July 22, 1712; md. John Sherman of Grafton.

Dorothy, b. Jan. 31, 1715; md. Feb. 4, 1735 Joseph Perry.

From about this period we begin to see that the Marlborough Howe Family start to separate, some going to Henniker

and Goshen, N. H., and some to Guildhall and Lunenburg, Vermont.

(4) Peter Howe, son of John Howe (3) was born May 8, 1695; md Dec. 4, 1718 to Grace Bush who was born May 3, 1696 and d. Dec. 10, 1770. He d. Oct. 18, 1778.

(5) Ezra (record follows):

Nehemiah, b. Jan. 13, 1721; md Beulah Wheeler, 1747.

Keziah, b. Mch. 9, 1723; md. June 2, 1750 Nathaniel Smith who d. Mch. 20, 1782.

Ebenezer, b. Apr. 4, 1725, d. July 26, 1725.

Mary, b. Apr. 2, 1726, md. Micah Newton Jan. 12, 1745, d. Feb. 21, 1813.

Rebecca, b. July 12, 1728; md. Eliakim Howe of Marl. grandson of Thomas, son of John (1) on Dec. 15, 1747. He was the second settler in Henniker, N. H. coming in 1763 and settled across the road from the present Mrs. Cyrene Plummer place. He built the first frame house in H. He removed to Brownfield, Maine, in 1800. To them were born 12 children among whom was Tilly, the second son, b. May 1, 1750, who was the first graduate at Dartmouth in 1783 from H. Capt. Eliakim served in the Army and was very highly regarded in M. and H.

Peter, b. Dec. 23, 1730; md. Mch. 26, 1754, Mary Smith who d. June 4, 1806. He d. Mch 20, 1811.

Rhoda, b. Mch. 11, 1733; md. May 6, 1757, Ebenezer Harthorne, one of many grantees designating Lunenburg, Vt., by Benning Wentworth Gov. of N. H., July 5, 1763. Brought their grain and provisions up the Connecticut river 150 miles in canoes. He was b. June 30, 1734. Both d. in Henniker.

Ruth, b. May 13, 1736; md. Feb. 19, 1760, Josiah Stow, she d. Nov. 18, 1810.

(5) Ezra Howe, son of Peter Howe (4), was born in Marlborough Mch. 22, 1719. He was a soldier (Sergt.) in Capt. Weeks' Company in the French and Indian War and marched to the relief of Fort William Henry. Md. Phebe Bush who d. Aug. 11, 1813. He d. Apr. 4, 1789. This family moved to Henniker some time before 1770.

Sarah, b. Jan. 25, 1750, md. Joseph Eager.

Nehemiah, b. Mch. 5, 1752, settled in Henniker in the Northerly part of the town upon tract known as the Gott pasture. He resided here but a few years then left for Vermont. He was in the service as records show that he enlisted Sept.

24, 1780. He d. in Thetford, Vt.
 Phebe, b. May 5, 1754
 (6) Eli, (record follows):
 Micah, b. Sept. 22, 1759; md. Lovissa Amsden Mch. 14, 1761. She d. Apr. 25, 1800, md 2nd Persis Welch who was b. Oct. 24, 1773. He d. July 22, 1842.
 Lydia, b. Dec. 10, 1762; md. Jonathan Sawyer.
 Judith, b. Oct. 8, 1765; md. Nathaniel Harthorne who was b. June 10, 1762.
 Aaron, b. Sept. 19, 1768; md. Eleanor Joslin, he d. Apr. 7, 1825. His son Luther J. b. Aug 22, 1798, d. Aug 9, 1857, was a distinguished jurist in New York State:
 Moses, b. Feb. 14, 1772, d. Sept. 9, 1775.
 (6) Eli Howe son of Ezra Howe (5) b. Feb. 22, 1757; md. Polly Oakes who was b. Sept. 1761. He was a soldier in the Rev. war and settled in Henniker upon the farm owned by Josiah Johnson heirs (see Mary below) Polly d. June 22, 1846. He d. Sept. 21, 1836.
 (7) Eli (record follows):
 Sally, b. Apr. 2, 1784; md. Nicholas Colby Jr.
 Stephen, b. Feb. 25, 1786; md. Ruth Colby; d. Dec. 14, 1867.
 Abel, b. April 12, 1788; md. Jerusha Colby; d. Dec. 23, 1855.
 William K. b. Sept. 30, 1791; Selectman in 1835, prominent citizen; md. Calista Whitney who d. May 19, 1828. He d. May 31, 1862.
 Mary Oakes, b. Aug 8, 1793; md. Josiah Johnson.
 Aaron, b. Feb. 23, 1796, d. Oct. 21, 1800.
 Asenath, b. Sept. 1, 1798, d. Sept. 29, 1800.
 (7) Eli Howe, son of Eli (6), b. Dec. 3, 1781; d. March 1, 1871, farmer, lived on Mt. Tug in Newport, N. H. Md. March 26, 1809, Sally Dunham, b. May 20, 1789, whose people came from Attleboro, Mass. She died March 4, 1874. They lived together for 62 years. To them were born—
 (8) Seneca (record follows):
 Betsey, b. Oct. 24, 1811, md John L. Wilcox of Lempster, d. Oct. 4, 1891.
 Sally, b, July 29, 1814, d. Sept. 10, 1815.
 Gilbert, b. Oct. 27, 1816, md. Alice Marston, d. Dec. 23, 1872.
 Solomon, b. Oct. 27, 1818, d. Nov. 26, 1818.

Sarah B. b. Jan. 21, 1820, md. Benj. F. Haven, d. April 16, 1897.

Fanny D. b. Oct. 17, 1821, md. Ira P. Thatcher, d. Dec. 22, 1902.

William, b. Sept. 19, 1823, d. Feb. 26, 1858.

Cyrus B. b. Feb. 22, 1825, md. Betsey Comstock, b. May 7, 1827. He d. July 13, 1859. Their children—

Charles H. b. Jan. 31, 1849.

William F. b. Oct. 1, 1855.

(8) Seneca Howe, son of Eli (7), was b. in Newport, N. H., March 10, 1810, farmer. Md. Aseneth Howe daughter of Abel Howe, b. Apr. 12, 1788 who came to Newport from Heniker in 1811 and lived in Southwestern part of Newport. Seneca and lived in Southwestern part of Newport. Seneca d. May 31, 1862.

To them were born—

(9) Abel P. b. July 27, 1838; md. 1st, July 4, 1864 Martha Wright. She was b. Mch 18, 1845, d. Apr. 24, 1881. He d. Feb. 3, 1912. Md. 2nd. Axie J. White Aug. 15, 1882, she b. Oct. 21, 1840, d. Jan. 28, 1917. To them were born—

(10) Emily A. b. July 9, 1867, md. Jan. 13, 1893 Isaac Spooner who was b. Feb. 3, 1864.

(9) Albert, b. May 5, 1841; md. Electa Still. He was a soldier in the Civil War and after his return was drowned in the river.

Seneca; md. 2nd. Mahitable Muzzey April 13, 1847, b. July 11, 1826, d. Sept. 22, 1863.

To them were born—

(9) Edwin Frank Howe, b. April 24, 1848; md. Annie Hileman June 22, 1874. Went to Nebraska in Oct. 1870. Died in Santa Barbara, Cal. Jan 22, 1923. Buried in Woodriver Neb.

(10) Lloyd M. b. Dec. 10, 1875; md. Mary E. Behr Oct. 7, 1903. Lives in Woodriver, Neb.

(11) L. Mary, b. Jan. 10, 1906.

Anna M. b. Oct. 26, 1908.

(10) Frank A. b. Dec. 11, 1877, Woodriver, Neb.

(10) Leo E. b. Nov. 17, 1879; md; Lettie Taylor Sept. 28, 1904 lives in Fruitland, Idaho.

(11) John M. April 7, 1907.

Edith C. b. July 5, 1909.

F. Earl, b. Aug. 1, 1915.

(10) Lola L. b. Apr. 21, 1883; md. Apr. 12, 1910,
Norman Towne

(10) Elsa M. b. Apr. 1, 1894; md. J. Herbert Howell
June 22, 1922; lives in Bozeman, Mont.

Bernice A. b. Jan. 27, 1918, lives in Bozeman, Mont.
Virginia L. b. Apr. 2, 1923.

(10) Orren, b. Oct. 8, 1895, lives in Woodriver, Neb.

(9) Elbridge N. b. April 1, 1850; md. Esther Page. d. Nov.
24, 1894.

(9) Wallace Melvin Howe, born Newport, N. H. April 24,
1852. m. Ruth P. Whitcomb of Springfield, Vt., Dec. 18, 1879.
She was born Dec. 22, 1857, and died April 19, 1926. W. M. H.
died April 12, 1920.

(10) Ethel M. b. August 31, 1883, m. Fred C. Abbott
of Penacook, N. H., June 24, 1913.

(9) Mary Alida Howe, b. at Goshen, N. H. Nov. 4, 1858,
died Jan. 6, 1875.

IN MEMORIAM

(9) John Martin Howe, b. Newport, Sept. 3, 1855; m. Adella
L. Quimby, Quimby family genealogical and Family Hist. of
the State of New Hampshire, Vol. IV Page 1544, The Lewis
Pub. Co., N. Y., 1908. B. May 22, 1879, d. August 16, 1921.

(10) Bertha Mabel,

(10) Earl Francis

(10) Arthur Elwin

(Records of the three above follow)

(9) Hattie Howe, b. Sept. 14, 1862; md. Dinsmore O.
Dodge. Went West Dec. 1888. Died May 27, 1922. Buried in
Woodriver, Neb.

(10) Isabel G. b. Oct. 21, 1882; md. Jay E. Ayer Aug.
15, 1908

(11) Harriet J. b. Mch 28, 1911, d. May 9, 1925.

Joyce E. b. July 2, 1912.

Eugene D. b. Aug. 10, 1915.

(10) John C. b. Aug 11, 1886; md. June 24, 1914
Stella C. Brown.

Roberta J. b. Aug 4, 1917.

(10) Bertha Mable, b. March 8, 1883. Attended public
schools here graduating from Stevens High School in 1902
with honors. Likewise did she graduate from Mount Hol-
yoke College in 1906. She taught in High School in Hins-

dale, N. H., until the Fall of 1908 when she accepted a position in the Bradford, Pa. High School. She taught there for 5 years. She gave up the latter position due to ill health and worked in the Claremont Water Works office for six months. Even this work was too strenuous for her. She had a long sickness and the best medical advice could not save her. The Claremont press spoke of her as "one of its most loved women, forceful character, honest, straightforward and tactful. She will be remembered as a lady who reigned as a gentle queen giving counsel, encouragement and inspiration to all who knew her." She died Aug 6, 1920. Funeral services were held the 9th at the M. E. Church. Those officiating were Rev. R. T. Wolcott of Manchester, Rev. T. R. Hicks of Haverhill, Mass., and Rev. A. L. Smith of Claremont.

(10) Earl Francis, b. July 16, 1885. Graduated from Stevens High School in 1904. Attended Albany Business College and then returned home to work in Grocery Store operated by his Father. In 1910 he bought out the Bailey's Garage and has since been operating the automobile business. In 1913 his Father built the block known as Howe's Garage and he has been very successful ever since. He is at present one of Claremont's Water Commissioners and is widely and favorably known in this section of the State. He is the President of the Claremont Fuel and Supply Co. established in 1926 and is a member of the B. P. O. Elks as well as a member of the Methodist church. He married Thyra S. Bendin of West Roxbury, Mass., June 18, 1912. To them were born

(11) John Francis, b. Nov. 2, 1914.

Virginia Elizabeth, b. Dec. 29, 1916.

(10) Arthur Elwin, b. Nov. 20, 1887 Graduated from Stevens High School in 1906. Attended Albany Business College. Appointed regular clerk in P. O. Dec. 2, 1906. Appointed Asst. Postmaster in 1923. Played on State Championship Tennis Team in 1923. Founder Claremont Philatelic Society. Chairman Stevens High School Committee in 1925. President S. H. Alumni 1928. Member Rotary Club. Member Methodist church. He married Ella Leota Danforth of Groveton, N. H., b. July 9, 1886, on April 10, 1909. Married by her father Rev. Leslie Russell Danforth. To them were born

(11) Martin Russell, b. June 23, 1913

Annette Danforth, b. March 31, 1919.

Margaret Leota, b. August 31, 1922.

JOHN MARTIN HOWE

(9) John Martin Howe, son of (8) Seneca and Mehitable, was born in Newport, N. H., near Kellyville, September 3, 1855. At the age of eight he was left an orphan and he went to live with a Mr. Shedd who was his guardian for a short time. In but a few months he went to live with Milan W. Quimby (who was later his wife's father's brother) where he remained until October 7, 1871. Mr. Quimby then lived within two houses of where the County Farm is now located. From Mr. Quimby's he went to live with Mr. Orren Osgood who lived in the town of Newport but was situated about half way between Newport and Claremont. There he went to school until Feb. 16 1872, but he was required to help more on the farm and work was given first consideration. In the Fall of the same year he left for his brother Frank's in Nebraska where he went to Woodriver and there went to night school and farmed during the day time.

On May 22, 1874 he started back to New Hampshire and July 6th he commenced work for Ira Chandler at his saw mill at Chandlers Mills. For some unknown reason his hand became caught in the circular saw and there he lost his left thumb and left fore finger while making clothes pins. Carried to Newport Dr. Sanborn dressed his hand without his taking anesthetics which must have been terribly painful. At this time he was still living with Mr. Osgood while his brother Wallace lived in Newport and his sister Mary lived in Goshen. Sept. 30th he was back at the clothes pin business and he was paid at the rate of 3 cents a box and usually could pack from 27 to 40 boxes daily. One day he set the record at 50 boxes which was no doubt a good day's pay in that time. His sister, whom I have just mentioned, died Jan. 6, 1875 and he attended the funeral on the 9th.

He continued his work for Mr. Chandler until Feb. 1, 1875, when he went to work for Mr. Wright drawing wood and lumber from Newport to Claremont, with oxen. He then worked again for Mr. Chandler drawing wood this time until Oct. 21, 1875, when he went to Waltham, Mass. He started work there for William Wyman peddling milk through Brighton receiving as his compensation \$20. per month and later he received \$25.

In 1877 he went into business for himself buying out a

hack livery business which he operated until Aug. 7, 1882, when he sold out for \$1450.

May 22, 1879, he came to Unity, N. H., to marry Adella L. Quimby, daughter of Francis and Lydia Quimby. For the Quimby Genealogy consult Claremont library.

On Nov. 3, 1882, he began working for the Howard W. Spurr Wholesale Grocery concern and here no doubt he learned much about the grocery line that he was to follow later. The Grocery concern paid him \$8 per week and the following February he was advanced to \$9. One day he handled 2 tons of coffee and 1000 boxes of canned beef and the next day 5 tons of coffee which would indicate that he well earned his \$9 per. In March on the 8th, 1883, Bertha Mable came to live with them.

In November, 1883, they moved to Claremont and he bought out a Mr. Bailey, a retail grocer. Mother's brother, Lewis, joined him in the business and they founded what was eventually to be the largest retail grocery business in Western New Hampshire. In July on the 16th, 1885, Earl Francis was born and Arthur Elwin on Nov. 20, 1887.

At about this same time Emerson Quimby's mother's youngest brother had finished school and as Emerson wanted to go into business with his own brother he bought out the Howe interest. This interest Father sold and on Feb. 1, 1890, he hung out his new shingle reading, John M. Howe, Boots and Shoes where the C. H. Weed Company later operated the same kind of a store. It was but four months when a Mr. Underwood bought him out and records show that his shoe stock inventoried at \$3,900. Back he went to the grocery business this time working for the Quimby Bros. On Nov. 9, 1891, he began to work steadily for them.

On August 17, 1893, he with his brother Elbridge attended the World's Fair and for many months he took pleasure in relating his experiences at Chicago.

On the 4th of Sept. 1900, he bought out Lewis Quimby and he with Emerson operated the fast growing business. After five years, business had so increased that besides their store in Rand's Block they rented an equally as large a store in the Heywood Block. From this time he was working too hard and not only would he carry along the financial end with his partner but would be on the job early and late perhaps the main portion of some days being on the delivery team all day.

At this period he was literally burning the "candle at both ends" and no doubt too much work was telling on him.

Jan. 1, 1907, he was sent to Concord representing Claremont at the General Court, but from this time on, whenever he relaxed from strenuous duties, he became sick or some troubles began to develop. At this particular time he was overtaken with a severe throat trouble that he was never able to help. He consulted local physicians and went even to Corey Hill hospital for treatment but no one seemed to assist him. With all his physical trouble and his work in 1909 he was elected Town Treasurer.

February 3, 1909, he and Mother took a real sojourn going to California via Washington, New Orleans, Mexico, etc., returning by the way of Rocky Mts. to Woodriver arriving home May 26th. In 1912 they spent several months in Florida but his health was not good so that even this vacation was not enjoyed as much as it should have been.

Statistics show that for the year 1915 amount of gross receipts for the New England grocery concern amounted to \$69,-865.68.

Again he was sent to Concord as Representative in 1917, and in 1918 the firm of Howe & Quimby sold out which gave him the change that he should have had years previous. He was a much missed man on Pleasant St. at that old stand as you will note he had been operating at the same place of business for about 35 years. A man of his personality gains many dear friends in that length of time.

He was a trustee in the Claremont Savings Bank for several years as well as a trustee in the Methodist Church on Central Street. His morals were paramount and he enjoyed his church and was a regular attendant. He was naturally sought for political honors but such achievements were not his ambitions. He did serve as Selectman for three of the last years of his life, death having called him before his last term had been completed.

He was a man of high integrity, of the best judgment, a good man and he possessed an unlimited number of sincere friends.

He built in 1913 on the old Rice estate on Pleasant Street a cement constructed block purposely for his son Earl to operate as the largest garage in the town and known as his monument, Howe's Garage. Over this garage offices are located and on

the South of the building is a very valuable lot where Joe Moore, the antique man, long did business.

These latter years were filled with more or less physical troubles and in combination with the sad death of Bertha on August 6, 1920, bore down on him with considerable weight.

On Sunday August 7th, exactly one year and a day from the date of Bertha's death, he with Mother and a party of relatives attended church in West Unity. After the service they allowed that they would enjoy driving to the old burying ground near the County Farm, and as he was driving the car started to make the ascent up the hill approaching the burying ground where they were going. He failed to shift the car in time and the car started down the hill but soon struck a ditch and culvert. He with the other members alighted from the car and were about to go to a near by farm house when he toppled into the arms of a member of the party. He was taken to the farm house of W. H. Whitmore and Dr. Jarvis consulted who told us that he had had a shock. It had affected his left side and he remained at this home for several days. He became better and was removed to his home at 21 East Street where he seemed much more contented and appeared some better. But it was to be only for a short time for not only had he experienced this shock but with other complications he succumbed on August 16, 1921. The singular incident relative to the accident and shock was the fact that it was but a short distance from where he had lived in early childhood with Milan Quimby.

Following prayers at the home at 2 o'clock on Friday August 19th, funeral services were held at the Methodist Church which were largely attended by business men from all varieties of lines, stores were closed during the funeral and an unusual amount of floral pieces proved all that has been said about him. He was respected by all, even by those who didn't always agree with him, they nevertheless recognized him as a good man, one whom they trusted. The two remaining Selectmen, A. L. Fitch and E. C. Hoisington, with Mother's brothers, Emerson, George, Herbert and Lewis acted as bearers. He rests in the family lot in Mountain View Cemetery in Claremont, N. H.

May the memory of this dear soul and the spirit of his body be to us like heavenly planets to which to aspire.

